

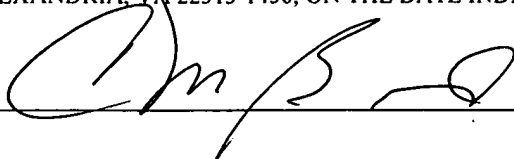
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BATTERIES AND NICKEL POSITIVE ELECTRODE USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is provided in response to the non-final Office Action (Paper No. 3) mailed November 25, 2003 (Paper No. 4). The Amendment is timely filed on February 24, 2004.

Kindly amend the application as follows:



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